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SUMMARY. DURING PAST TEN DAYS BOTH JSP AND JCP PARTY ORGANS HAVE LISTED "HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS" ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN LOCKHEED AFFAIR. NEITHER LIST HAS ATTRACTED MUCH COMMERCIAL MEDIA ATTENTION, BUT JCP'S MORE DETAILED EXAMINATION OF 28 OFFICIALS WILL RECEIVE SOME ATTENTION THROUGH POSTINGS ON NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN BOARDS. END SUMMARY.

1. BOTH THE JSP PARTY ORGAN (SHAKAI SHIMPO) AND THE JCP PARTY ORGAN (AKAHATA) HAVE RECENTLY PUBLISHED LISTS OF "HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS" ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN LOCKHEED PAYOFFS. IN A LEAD ARTICLE APRIL 4, THE JSP ORGAN PROVIDED AN ALL INCLUSIVE LIST OF 113 NAMES OF ALLEGED WRONGDOERS. THE LIST WAS COMPILED OF PRIME MINISTERS, FOREIGN MINISTERS, FINANCE MINISTERS, MITI MINISTERS, TRANSPORTATION MINISTERS, DEFENSE AGENCY CHIEFS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHIEF CABINET SECRETARIES, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS, ANDTOP

LDP OFFICIALS FROM JANUARY 1970 (THIRD SATO CABINET) TO DATE. THERE WAS AN OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO IMPLICATE ALL CURRENT LDP FACTION LEADERS AND THE CURRENT MIKI CABINET. BUT BECAUSE OF ITS RATHER MECHANICAL UNSUBSTANTIATED NATURE, THE ARTICLE ATTRACTED ONLY FLEETING INTEREST ELSEWHERE.

2. THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY (APRIL 11), THE JCP ORGAN DEVOTED FOUR CENTER PAGES TO PICTURES AND A SUCCESSION OF "DOUBTS AND SUSPICIONS" CONCERNING 28 TOP LDP POLITICIANS AND BUREAUCRATS, INCLUDING FORMER PRIME MINISTERS KISHI, SATO AND TANAKA. MOST OF THE DOUBTS RAISED WERE BASED ON ALLEGED LINKS TO KODAMA OR TANAKA-INTIMATE KENJI OSANO, OR WERE RELATED TO POSITIONS HELD IN THE TIME OF THE FX, TRISTAR AND PXL DECISIONS.

3. FACTIONALLY, EIGHT TANAKA FACTION MEMBERS, INCLUDING TANAKA HIMSELF, WERE NAMED (HASHIMOTO, NAOKI, KANEMARU, TAKESHITA, GOTODA, AIZAWA, NIKAIDO). INCLUDING NAKASONE, FIVE NAKASONE FACTION MEMBERS WERE LISTED TAKAYUKI SATO, OISHI, UEMURA, SADANORI YAMANAKA). FROM THE OHIRA FACTION THREE (OHIRA, HIDEYO SASAKI, KYOSHIRO NIWA); FROM THE SHIINA FACTION TWO (AKAGI, KOICHI HAMADA); FROM THE MIZUTA FACTION ONE (KEN HARADA); AND LDP INDEPENDENT UPPER HOUSE MEMBER MINORU GENDA. IN ADDITION TO FORMER PRIMIN SATO, TWO DECEASED POLITICIANS (ICHIRO KONO AND SHOJIRO KAWASHIMA) AND FOUR BUREAUCRATS INCLUDING PRESENT DEPUTY TRANSPORTATION VICE MINISTER UCHIMURA AND AMBASSADOR TO GENEVA TSURUMI WERE NAMED. INTERESTINGLY, NEITHER MIKI NOR FUKUDA OR MEMBERS OF THEIR FACTIONS WERE MENTIONED.

4. DESPITE ITS GREATER PRECISION, THE JCP ARTICLE ALSO ATTRACTED LITTLE ATTENTION IN THE COMMERCIAL PRESS BUT, BECAUSE IT IS BEING POSTED ON JCP NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN BOARDS, IT IS LIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE TO GENERALIZED SUSPICIONS ABOUT THESE PARTICULAR CONSERVATIVES AND THE LDP. HODGSON

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